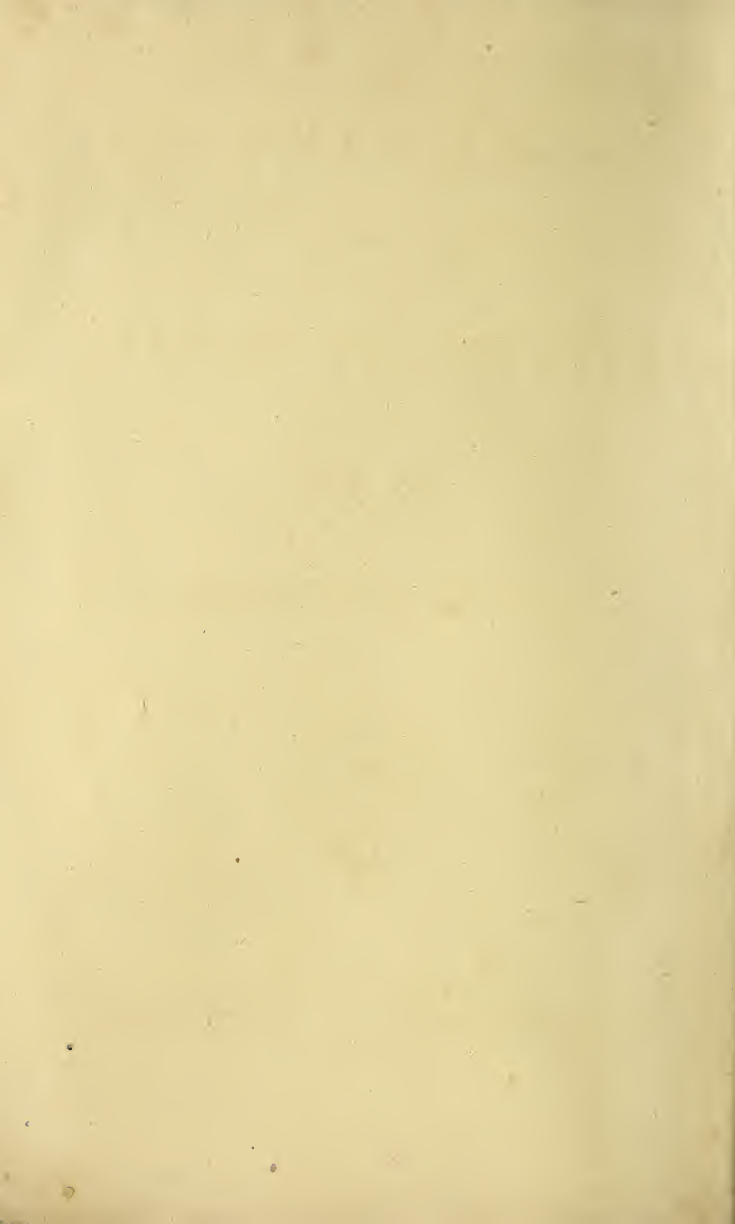


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ARTICLE I.

MEETINGS OF THE LODGE.

The regular meetings of this Lodge shall be held on Saturday before the first Monday in each month, at one o'clock, P. M., and on the festivals of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS, ELECTIONS, AND VACANCIES.

SECTION 1.—The officers of this Lodge shall consist of a Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary, Senior and Junior Deacons, and Tyler, who shall be chosen by ballot at the regular meeting preceding the festival of St. John the Evangelist in every year, and shall be installed on that festival.

Saturday
Monday in September *first*

SEC. 2.—Before the election of officers takes place

the list of delinquents shall be called over, and no member, who may be in arrears to the Lodge for dues for one year shall be entitled to hold an office or vote in said election.

ARTICLE III.

OF SOME PARTICULAR DUTIES.

SECTION 1.—It shall be the duty of the Master to preside at every meeting when present, also to protect these by-laws from any violation, keep good order, and when time will admit, to give the brethren a lecture in one of the degrees; and in his absence these duties shall devolve on the Senior Warden, and in the absence of the Master and Senior Warden on the Junior Warden.

SEC. 2.—The Master, and in his absence, the Senior Warden, and in absence of both, the Junior Warden, shall have power and privilege to call meetings as often as in his judgment the good of the Lodge may require it.

SEC. 3.—The Treasurer shall keep a regular account of all receipts and disbursements on account of the Lodge, and he shall not pay out or dispose of any of the funds of the Lodge without an order of the

Lodge for that purpose, signed by the Worshipful Master, or presiding officer of the meeting at which the same was granted.

SEC. 4.—The Secretary shall keep a book in which he shall record all the proceedings of the Lodge. It shall also be his duty to make an annual return to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, giving a list of the officers and members ; together with a list of members suspended or expelled during the year, and the number of rejections ; also, to notify the Secretaries of all the Lodges in the State of all suspensions and expulsions as soon as the same shall occur.

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Secretary and
in Sec 34 of Art 4 of the By Laws of the
Grand Lodge
provided

SEC. 5.—The Secretary shall keep a book in which he shall open an account with each member of the Lodge, and he shall draw off at every regular meeting first before the festivals of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, a list of the members, with an account of their respective arrearages annexed, in order that they may be collected.

SEC. 6.—The Tyler shall give each member residing in town or suburbs, notice of every call

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meeting ; attend the Lodge during its sittings, furnish lights, fuel, and water when necessary, and keep the room in good order, and carefully collect and replace the jewels and furniture after the Lodge is closed.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

SECTION 1.—Any brother who wishes to speak on any subject shall rise and address the Worshipful Master, in due form, confining his remarks to the subject under consideration, avoiding personality and all gross expressions, and no brother shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without permission of the Master.

SEC. 2.—No motion shall be debated until seconded and stated from the chair, when it shall be considered in the possession of the Lodge and cannot be withdrawn, except by the mover, previous to decision or amendment.

SEC. 3.—A majority of the members present shall determine all questions, and in case of an equal division the Master shall decide.

SEC. 4.—A vote of the Lodge may be reconsidered by two-thirds present voting, for reconsidering; but no vote of the Lodge shall be reconsidered at a subsequent meeting unless two-thirds of the number present at its passing shall vote for reconsidering.

SEC. 5.—No brother shall absent himself from the Lodge, after having taken his seat, without leave from the Worshipful Master.

SEC. 6.—Any member ~~(absenting himself from the Lodge for three months successively, if living within the incorporation of the town, or six months if living without the incorporation, or be in arrears to the Lodge to the amount of three dollars, he shall be summoned by the Secretary to appear at the next regular Lodge meeting, to show cause why he may not be excluded from membership of this Lodge therefor, during the pleasure of the Lodge.~~

arrangements are made.
SEC. 7.—No brother shall disclose the name of any candidate who has been rejected, unless by consent of the Lodge, or when the candidate first discloses it himself; neither shall any brother disclose the name of a member rejecting a candidate,

until such

under a penalty, in both cases ; if a member, of suspension during the pleasure of the Lodge ; if a visitor, of never more being permitted to visit the Lodge.

SEC. 8.—No business shall be transacted at an extra meeting other than that for which it was called, nor shall such meeting receive petitions, ballot, or engage in any other business affecting the general interest of the craft. The presence of Grand Officers warrant exceptions.

SEC. 9.—No business shall be transacted in any other than a Master's Lodge, excepting only such as pertains especially to the work and lectures of E. A. and F. C. degrees.

SEC. 10.—The introduction or use of intoxicating drink is prohibited in the Lodge regardless of the occasion.

ARTICLE V.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND BALLOTINGS.

SEC. 1.—Every candidate for initiation must possess the requisites specified in the Book of Constitutions, and must make application in writing, signed by himself, and must be recommen-

Members of the Lodge

ded by two or more brother Masens, at a regular meeting, which application and recommendation shall lie over one month (except in case of emergency which must be determined by the Lodge) after which time he may be ballotted for, and if elected he may be initiated at that meeting, or at a meeting specially called for that purpose.

SEC. 2.—Every member who recommends a candidate for initiation shall deposit thirty dollars in the hands of the Secretary, the said thirty dollars to be returned if the candidate be rejected ; if he be received and initiated it shall be considered his fees for the three degrees, but if he be received and do not apply to be initiated within six months it shall be forfeited to the Lodge.

SEC. 3.—Every application for passing and raising shall be made known by the candidate, either personally, or in consideration, when he shall be examined in open Lodge as to his proficiency in the preceding degrees ; which shall not of itself constitute a sufficient qualification of advancement, but his moral character shall again undergo a scrutinizing, and a ballot thereon be taken.

SEC. 4.—No E. A. shall be passed or F. C. raised until he shall have passed an examination in open Lodge as to his proficiency in the preceding degree, and shall have been received thereon ; nor shall such be passed or raised in less time than one month from the time of his taking the last preceding degree (except in case of emergency to be determined by the Lodge.)—

SEC. 5.—Any ^{non-affiliated} Master Mason who may come to reside or settle within the jurisdiction of this Lodge, being desirous of becoming a member of this Lodge, shall make the same known in writing. The mode of recommending and balloting for such brother shall, in every respect, be the same as in recommending candidates for initiation. The admittance fee shall be five dollars.

SEC. 6.—Every candidate for membership, or initiation, having been regularly recommended, shall be balloted for and disposed of by the Lodge.

SEC. 7.—In balloting for a candidate for initiation, passing or raising one dissentient shall reject, without a question, except a second ballot may be demanded, at the same meeting, to be satisfied of

no mistake, and when rejected he shall not be again eligible for twelve months.

ARTICLE VI.

DUES AND FEES.

SEC. 1.—Every member of the Lodge shall pay into the hands of the Secretary one dollar and fifty cents per annum, in semi-annual payments, unless excused by the unanimous consent of the Lodge.

SEC. 2.—The fees for initiation, passing and raising shall be thirty dollars.

SEC. 3.—The Treasurer shall receive one dollar and fifty cents per annum for his services, to be allowed semi-annually at the regular meetings of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, provided no official delinquency appear against him.

SEC. 4.—The Secretary shall receive fifty cents for each meeting which he attends to be allowed semi-annually at the regular meetings on the festivals of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, provided no official delinquency appear against him.

SEC. 5.—The Tyler shall receive for his services fifty cents for every meeting which he attends, to be allowed semi-annually at the regular meetings on the festivals of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, provided no official delinquency appear against him.

SEC. 6.—The funds of the Lodge shall in no case be appropriated for refreshments.

ARTICLE VII.

COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1.—In the appointment of all committees the Master shall have the right to select two members, after which the Lodge may add as many others as they shall think proper, not exceeding three.

SEC. 2.—Upon all applications for initiation a committee shall be appointed to report thereon at the next regular communication, unless sooner required by the Lodge.

SEC. 3.—A committee shall be appointed after every annual election, to examine the Secretary's and the Treasurer's accounts, who shall report the

situation thereof at the next regular meeting, unless further time is allowed by the Lodge.

SEC. 4.—The Master and Wardens, or any two of them, shall be a committee of Charity, for the relief of transient brethren in distress, and shall have power to draw on the Treasurer for any amount not exceeding ten dollars for any one individual application, and shall report their proceedings at the next regular meeting thereafter.

SEC. 5.—A committee of reference shall be appointed to whom shall be submitted for their consideration and decision any matter of controversy or dispute arising at any time among the brethren and should either party be dissatisfied with their decision an appeal may be had to the Lodge.

SEC. 6.—All reports of committees must be made in writing.

ARTICLE VIII.

WITHDRAWALS.

Any member of good standing may withdraw himself from the Lodge on procuring the Secretary's receipt for all dues and giving notice to the Lodge, either personally or by proxy; but no member

shall be considered as having regularly withdrawn himself until he has complied with this article.

ARTICLE IX.

VISITING BROTHERS.

Every brother of good standing and regular habits, is at liberty to visit this Lodge, unless objected to by some member of the Lodge.

ARTICLE X.

TRIALS.

In all masonic trials the rules and regulations proscribed by the Grand Lodge for the government of subordinate Lodges are hereby adopted by this Lodge.

ARTICLE XI.

AMENDMENTS, REVISION, &C., OF BY-LAWS.

SEC. 1.—Whoever may wish to introduce a new law, or alter an existing one, shall, at a stated meeting, hand up said law or alteration in writing, if it be seconded upon being audibly read by the Secretary, then it shall lie over until the next stated meeting, if approved by two-thirds of

the members present it shall then become a part of these by-laws.

SEC. 2.—Whoever may wish to introduce a motion for a general revision of these by-laws, shall at a stated meeting hand in a written notice thereof, which shall, if a majority agree thereto, lie over till next stated meeting, and then if approved by two-thirds of the members present it shall prevail.

SEC. 3.—These by-laws shall not be so construed as to prevent the Lodge from conferring degrees gratuitously on ministers of the gospel, and any others, whom the Lodge may consent to favor.)

SEC. 4.—These by-laws shall be read by the Secretary in open Lodge, at least twice in every year ; and it shall be the duty of the Master to cause the same to be done.

SEC. 5.—Each member shall be furnished with two printed copies of these by-laws at the expense of the Lodge.

SEC. 6.—These by-laws shall go into operation from the passage thereof, and all laws heretofore passed for the government of this Lodge are hereby repealed.

*See Sec. 1 of Art-4 of By Laws
of the Grand Lodge*

